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Allies Turn Down Communist Truce Supervision Plan

By Yaakov Ardon, POST Correspondent

"THE much publicized and widely maligned issue of 'Collier's' containing the 'preview of the war we do not want' has finally arrived in this country, and valuable as Ilya Ehrenburg's and Kingley Martin's comments might be, we can now see for ourselves. It is a clever publicity stunt containing some first class ideas, but the illustrations are, as so often in American periodicals, much more impressive than the text. Even the contributions of such old hands as Koestler and Priestley fall flat. But the report of 'Russia's defeat and occupation' is not warwomping. This publication, incidentally, was preceded by the attempts of such Soviet writers as Shapoor and Pavlenko to describe the course of a future war, which was apparently overlooked by some indignant colleagues in the Western world."

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IN 1429 two German writers, Spenger and Institut, published a book which became subsequently even more famous than this issue of "Collier's"—Malleus Malleficarum. It contains scientific proof of the theory that witches do exist and lists them and their witchcraft. It contains very elaborate prescriptions of how to get public admissions out of them. Fittingly enough this book was reprinted some time ago, as millions of people nowadays again pretend to believe in the existence and the admissions of tens of thousands of witches—ever since the big trials began 15 years ago. This must be called a book in the right hour.

LAST month a number of Catholic nuns in Tientin (China) were charged with the murder of about 40,000 Chinese children, and last week Sister Antoinette Courtey, of the Canton Holy Infant Orphanage, was accused by a Chinese People's Court of willfully murdering 2,116 Chinese babies. There is little doubt that our fellow-travelling friends who believe all trials and admissions will believe this one too. During the Middle Ages, the large majority of people in Europe believed, or pretended to, in witches and their admissions. The last witch was burned, it is reported, only 160 years ago, i.e. at the time of the French Revolution. If human nature changes at all, it changes very slowly and recidives appear to be inevitable. Let us hope that the lady in Canton is not for burning. We are not so sure about Mr. Slansky.

Jerusalem, December 18.
King George Marks 56th Birthday
LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).—King George VI celebrated his 56th birthday today, but he stayed in Buckingham Palace because of the thick fog which lay over the country.

Whereas some 30,000 Jews were shown to be living in Syria by the last census, in 1943, fewer than 6,000 are now believed to be left there. Conditions have deteriorated rapidly and even the once wealthy Aleppo community is now believed to have been impoverished.

New Anti-Jewish Law for Syria

The Syrian Ministry of Justice has been ordered to prepare a new draft bill which will freeze the property and funds of Syria's Jews, according to the Damascus correspondent of the NEAHS.

The new bill, which will follow the lines of the one adopted by Iraq last year, will be based on the ordinance in force in Israel with regard to Arab funds and property frozen by the Custodian of Absentee Property.

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POLICE QUELL HAIFA RIOT

By Yaakov Ardon, POST Correspondent

HAIFA, Saturday.—Seven constables were still in hospital tonight out of 54 who were injured in yesterday's violence here which began when police took action to remove the striking crew from the s.s. Tel Aviv and was continued on shore when demonstrators broke into the port. None of those injured is on the danger list. Comparatively few demonstrators were injured, and the exact number could not be determined tonight. Today's gale and rainstorm restored Haifa to quiet and rest.

The Communist proposal would have limited troop rotation and the policing of the armistice, restricting replacement of combat-weary troops during the armistice to 5,000 a month.

The second subcommittee, debating the exchange of war prisoners, was also stalemated today. The U.N. delegate, Rear Admiral R. Libby, told the Communists that their refusal to permit Red Cross representatives to visit prison camps only "feeds the fire of suspicion."

Despite the lack of progress, however, both subcommittees agreed a meet again tomorrow morning.

Gen. Turner told the Communists that the U.N. is still willing to consider any realistic proposal on how to police the armistice. Meanwhile, reports from Washington said the Joint Chiefs of Staff authorized General George Ridgway, in command of UNRWA, to describe the course of a future war, which was apparently overlooked by some indignant colleagues in the Western world.

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Belgium Baiks At High Arming Rate

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters).—Belgium led a revolt of NATO nations against increased defense expenditures when delegates of the twelve nations met here yesterday, according to sources close to the conference.

The delegates considered a report on rearment drawn up by their "three wise men."

The recommendations of the three included, according to well-informed sources here, a 40 per cent increase over three years for Denmark and a lesser increase in military expenditure for Holland, Norway, Italy and Canada.

France was asked to increase her effort by five per cent and no increase was asked from Britain and the U.S.

The Belgians reportedly said yesterday that they could not agree to the recommendations.

Israel Reported As Buyer Of Mexican Oil

MEXICO CITY, Saturday (Reuters).—Israel is negotiating to buy ten million barrels of Mexican crude oil a year, a usually reliable source said here yesterday.

The Haifa refinery is said to be operating at 25 per cent of capacity, with 20,000 barrels of oil a day from Venezuela.

Private bankers in New York, acting for the Israeli Government, are understood to have begun negotiations with Petroleos Mexicanos, the Mexican Government's administration for petroleum. They are expected to send representatives here in a few days to buy oil directly for dollars.

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Poland Asks For More Meetings By Big Four

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters).—The Polish Delegates, M. Stefan Wierbowski, told the U.N. Political Committee here today that Big Four agreement on technical aspects of disarmament made it essential that efforts be continued.

It was clear that many states sought agreement based on compromise. It was regrettable, however, that the Big Four subcommittee had failed to put forward concrete proposals.

The Political Committee was discussing the preamble of the revised Western disarmament plan.

M. Wierbowski said the revised Western text passed over in silence the question of the prohibition of atomic weapons. Agreement on this question would lay the foundation for agreement in all other fields.

Only the adoption of the Soviet amendments would create a sound basis for achieving the work of the proposed atomic energy and conventional armaments commission.

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said it was apparent both seriously tried to find common ground. The Western plan was constructive though the question of atomic weapons had not been dealt with squarely enough.

For instance, he asked, why could they not find means of prohibiting the use of atomic weapons until they agreed on final control of these weapons?

The Egyptian delegate proposed the question of the use of these and all other weapons of mass destruction be referred to the legal committee for proper study during the session.

He said he had not contacted either side on this suggestion, but it was acceptable to the committee he had proposed a draft amendment that the matter be studied immediately by the Legal Committee with the object of concluding a treaty to ensure prohibition of the use of these weapons.

Egypt did not accept the view that present arms should be reduced to a minimum, but rather that reduction should be based on some other criterion, such as number of inhabitants, the length of frontiers and, in some cases, the length of the frontiers, such as sea coasts.

In the clashes, 42 policemen

were injured of whom three

were still in hospital this evening, and their condition was reported to be satisfactory.

The eight persons were arrested of whom one came from khabout affiliated with Hashomer Hatzair. Histadrut circles claim that the trouble was organized by a group of foreign leaders who had set up headquarters in Haifa.

The Knesset resolution passed calling upon the striking seamen to return to work has been forwarded to the Seamen's Day. It was announced on Friday.

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Social & Personal

The Argentine Minister to Israel, Dr. Leopoldo Bracco, crossed over to Jerusalem at Mandelbaum Gate on Friday and will remain in Israel for a few days as the guest of the Argentinian Minister.

The Queen of the Netherlands has appointed Mr. A. U. Uys as Honorary Consul General in the Northern Haifa, with jurisdiction in the Haifa and Galilee districts. He will assume his duties on January 2, 1956.

Mr. Zalman Schneuer, the author of "The Road to Zion," a collection of travels and adventures at the 20th Cinema in Jaffa on Friday evening.

Mr. Dwyer Stone, Chairman of the Board of the Weissman Institute, returned to the U.S. by Air France on Friday after visiting Presidents Weissman and attending a Board meeting.

Mr. Z. Dienstein Defence Ministry Representative in France, returned to Paris by Air France on Friday.

Mrs. Miklos Gafni, the singer, left by El Al for London on Friday after a series of performances there.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and his wife Negro's Flight to See America' a \$30.00 this evening at the Education Centre Hall in Rehovot, Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the Israeli-American Friendship League.

The chamber music recital scheduled to be held tonight at Bet Zeit in Ramat Gan has been postponed because of the illness of the pianist, Mr. Yehi Wagman.

IL 500,000 Textile Plant Founded

TEL AVIV. Saturday.—At a brief lunch-hour ceremony recently, the cornerstone was laid of the Jagilon Ltd. spinning and weaving plant, in Tel Aviv's new industrial centre across the Yarkon River. The plant will stand on 12 dunams of government-owned land and will have a floor space of 4,000 square metres.

The enterprise represents an investment of IL 500,000 of which 80 per cent is contributed by foreign investors. Mr. A. Shonkar, President of the Manufacturers' Association, emphasized in his address that about 70 per cent of the plant's output will be exported. Building is to be completed within eight to 10 months.

With their extensive international connections, the founders and investors expect to overcome all usual difficulties and to develop the system, new to Israel, of production for export on a basis of raw materials sent with orders from abroad.

Charged with Murder And Seduction

TEL AVIV, Saturday. (ITIM).—Charged with the seduction and murder of a 16-year old girl, Albert Harson, 29, of Tel Aviv, was remanded for 15 days by the Magistrate here yesterday.

Police claim that the accused was seen with the girl, Magi Lasti of Nathanya, in the Negev last June and in Elath a month later. On August 27, police say, the couple was observed at Elath walking to a nearby fishing station from which the man allegedly returned alone. The girl's whereabouts have been unknown since. The accused denied the charges.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.; TEL AVIV: 418, 513 & 527 M.
NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1:30, 6:30 and 11:00 p.m.; English: 2 and 9:30 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 2, 5, 10 and 7:15 p.m.; French: 7:15 p.m.
6:30 a.m. Service; 6:35 Exercises; 6:45 Musical Clock (R), 7:15 Melodies; 2:45 Oriental Music; R. Amar. 8:30 a.m. Musical Miniatures (R); 11:00 Concert Hall: Symphony N. 97 (Haydn); concerto No. 1 (Bach); 12:30 N. Break for Music (N); 1:30 French Programme; 2:45 Housewives' Corner; 3:35 Service from the Salesian church, Haifa.
4:30 p.m. Dance Music; 4:35 Religious: Shacharit and Alexander Shochen; 4:45 Film Review; 4:45 Music and Programme for Yeminot; 4:55 Konzert Israel Orchestra; Conductor: Arieh Zamir; Soloist: Yaakov Menas: Overture "Titus"; Wagner: Sinfonia concertante; 5:15 Children's (Vivaldi); 5:30 Symphonies in D major (Bach); 6:15 Talk; 6:30 Children's Hour; 7:00 Agricultural Concert; 7:45 Bible Reading; 8:00 Soldier's Programme; 8:45 "In the Court room"; Talk.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL

OPERA

TEL AVIV: Habimah

Tuesday, Dec. 19 8:30 p.m.

HAIFA: Aronim

Thursday, Dec. 27 9 p.m.

Fledermaus

(THE DAY)

Opera in 3 acts by Johann Strauss (Festspielhaus)

EDIN DE PHILIPPE

D. Halperin, J. Strel, A. Moshell, J. Polak, O. Shavit, Cohen, D. Dvora, D. Tavor, A. Granowitz, M. Savin.

Conductor: C. SINGER

Theatre: Habimah, 9 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv; "Knesset," 9 Rehovot Rd., Jaffa, and at the National Opera Center, 10 Allenby, Givatayim, Jerusalem, Givatayim.

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Charged with attempting to bribe a policeman, Charles Dabir, 32, of Tel Aviv, was remanded for five days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Friday. The accused wrote a letter to the police, the accused, to demand arrest for destroying documents relating to the transfer of currency from abroad.

Jewelry valued at IL 800 was stolen from Aharon Boruchov's jewelry shop at 8 Rehov Merkaz Hechalutzim in Tel Aviv on Friday. The thieves are estimated at about 100.

A fire, believed to have been started by a hot iron, broke out in the tailor shop of Eliezer Zituni, spreading quickly to the grocery of David Aksel, in the Mahane Yehuda quarter. Jerusalem Damage to the grocery is estimated at about 100.

Christmas trees can be obtained every morning until December 30 from 8 Rehov Ha'atzmaut (TEL 6331). Haifa residents have been reminded that the cutting of trees or branches is an offence.

Celler Favours More U.S. Aid

Contribution of an additional \$150m. within the framework of continued U.S. aid to Israel—the only democracy in the Middle East—was advocated by Congressman Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn, Chairman of the House Constitutional and Judiciary Committees at a press conference on Friday at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Noting that U.S. aid to Italy, Turkey, Greece, France and other countries was not limited to one-time grants, Representative Celler said that "Israel cannot be an exception. The effort to assist Israel in her economic consolidation can only succeed if it is sustained continuously over a period of years."

Mr. Celler, who met with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan yesterday, will confer today with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Commerce.

Ration News

Jerusalem: Rice: 250 grams, 275 visitors; 12. Liquid soap or detergent: one bottle, no coupon; visitors, 20. Soap: 50 grams. Meats: 25 visitors; 14. Tea: 100 grams. Kaf 12, zones 6, 10. Carrots: 150 grams; 100 grams. Kaf 2 zones, 3, 8. Vegetable Margarine: 50 grams. Kaf 10, zones 6, 100 grams. Bananas: 50 grams. Aleph-Bet, Gimel cards, Lamed, 1—azot: 45. Bananas expectant mothers: 500 grams. Kaf 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Carp: 250 grams. Margarine: 50 grams. Kaf 12, zones 6, 10. Visitors and tourists: 50, zones 1, 2.

Buttercups and Diabetics who applied for supplementary food rations and were told to report on December 24 and 25 should apply today between 9-7 p.m. at the Food Office, at the Central Bus Station.

Old Orders Need Not Be Gazzeted

The Prime Minister, under the powers vested in him by the 1948 "Bil'ei Hok Venishpat," issued an Emergency Regulation last Monday providing that orders issued under Mandatory Regulations, which did not require gazetting, continue to be valid.

The need for this legislation had arisen as the result of a recent High Court decision annuls an order by the Military Governor of Galilee calling the village of Rabiya a "closed area." The Court had ruled that under the Law and Administration Ordinance, such an Order must be gazetted.

It was feared that as a result of the decision all orders issued under the Defence Regulations of 1939, the Emergency Regulations of 1945 or the Anti-Prostitution Ordinance would have to be gazetted, and that some of those already issued would be challenged in court.

The Government intends to submit a Bill to the Knesset covering the whole issue and stated that last Monday's regulation was intended solely to fill the vacuum created by the High Court's decision.

It may be noted that through the vast powers given to the Prime Minister by the Law and Administration Ordinance, he can ignore laws which override even the Law and Administration Ordinance itself. Thus he has been able in this case to annul the provision in the ordinance that Orders legal only after publication.

Gov't Need Not Invest In New Potash Company

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Government was not obliged to invest funds in the potash works under the new agreement between the Government and Palestine Potash Ltd., Mr. M. Novomeysky, Managing Director of the company, said here yesterday. He was speaking at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club.

The speaker pointed out that the company was to buy one-third of the shares in the new company, while the balance would be offered to the public. Only if those shares are not taken up has the Government guaranteed to purchase them, he said. The Government will, however, buy one share which will give it 51 per cent of the voting rights, Mr. Novomeysky added.

The speaker denied that the government representation and form of reorganization, pointing out that the shareholders were guaranteed a six per cent interest on their investment. He noted that the shareholders of the corporation thus transforming the potash company into a "popular concern." The registration of inhabitants' records no rights to the applicant, he said. The court emphasized that every person who has resided in Israel for three months is entitled to the card.

The High Court, however, when faced with a question of a matter of discretion and not of duty, stated that in this case ordering the Ministry of Interior to issue the card would undermine the security of the country against infiltrators and enemy agents.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Shmuel and Sheref Cohen, and G. Gluzman, appearing for the Attorney-General.

Mushrooms Mean Toys

Two young Jerusalem boys went picking mushrooms and The Post-Sold Home Aid Society Toy Fund Drive has more money to bring toys and larger gifts to children in mandatory camp. The two kids, David Krucker, 9, and Yoram Salomon, 10, sold their crop to neighbours and friends and brought the IL 5 to The Post.

This is the kind of spirit which will make this Hanukkah brighter for many children is message.

A total of IL 5,512,223 has already been received. Have you done yours?

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Court Refuses to Order Issue of Identity Cards

The High Court in Jerusalem ruled recently that although persons residing in Israel for three months are legally entitled to identify cards, the Court would not order the Government to issue such cards in cases where the security of the State might be jeopardized.

The Court, in setting aside an order nisi granted in July to three members of the Abu Ras family, allegedly from Eliat, near Netanya, pointed out that the applicants had left the country of their own will and without permission, after the establishment of the State. They had later returned and had been deported. On entering without a visa a second time, they had obtained an order nisi on the grounds that they had lived here for three months.

Thus the mandatory Citizenship Ordinance remained legal on July 17. The Court stated before it allowed an applicant the privileges that go with citizenship, the Registration of Inhabitants Ordinance, under which such cards could be issued, but interpreted to demand legal entry.

The court was composed of District Court President M. Kenet, and Judges J. Gavison and B. Cohen.

Trekn Sentenced To Two Years

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Elias Trekn, 20, one-time block-warden and superintendent of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, was sentenced to two years in prison by the District Court here yesterday.

This was Israel's third trial in which an American was tried for war crimes against the death penalty. The accused was acquitted of three major charges, but found guilty of five charges of minor injury and of four of assault.

Acquittal on the main charges was based on two grounds: that the acts committed were not "war crimes" under the Geneva Convention, and that they were acts of cruelty toward individuals rather than groups.

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British Diplomat In Prague Held as Spy

PRAGUE, Saturday (Reuter).—A veteran U.S. diplomat, Mr. John S. Service, has been detained by Czechoslovak authorities on a car in which a British diplomat and a woman Embassy employee "tried to escape with highly secret State documents."

It was reported that the diplomat, Mr. Robert Nell Gardner, Second Secretary at the Embassy, has been ordered to leave the country within 24 hours, and the woman, Mrs. Daphne Gregory Maines, will leave as soon as she is discharged from the hospital, the radio said.

A Czech news agency English translation of a note from the Czech Government to the British Embassy said Mr. Gardner was "unscrupulous except for some bad brains." Prague Radio said the woman's injuries were light.

The broadcast said the two were "caught red-handed" yesterday in a prohibited military area near Ostrava. It claimed Mr. Gardner was seen to dig up a tin containing the secret document and to put in its place a package containing 40,000 crowns.

London Eases, Canada Ends Exchange Bars

TEL AVIV, Saturday (AP).—Some 20 young men were arrested here today for interfering with the Mapai-sponsored meeting of the seamen's strike. They were charged with obstructing public order and resisting police, and were later released after a light meal had been offered to them at the police station.

In Jaffa, at a similar meeting addressed last night by Mr. E. Schechter, Secretary of the local Labour Council, anti-Mapai hecklers interfered frequently.

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American Views On European Army

By KENNETH HARRIS

WASHINGTON.—

WHILE American policy remains wholeheartedly in favour of the creation of a European Army, including German contingents, which might lead in time to a European political union, officials here contemplate other possibilities. If the next NATO Council meeting planned for February cannot produce a decision to institute at least a European Army organization, it may be necessary for the Americans to consider shifting their support to other methods of bringing the Germans into the defence of Europe.

The alternatives are:

(1) A return to the scheme for the inclusion of German units in the NATO force which was favoured by the American Government up to the middle of this year.

(2) A scheme whereby the occupying Powers in West Germany should agree to rearm the Germans for defence by a system of bilateral alliances.

U.S. Misgivings

This attitude of American officials is a consequence of two factors: the apparent attitude toward the European Army project of certain European countries, and the probable mood of the U.S. Congress toward European defence when, in January or February, bills for foreign military and economic aid in 1952-53 come up for approval.

While Holland and Belgium have expressed a disinclination to surrender as much national sovereignty as, in American eyes, the European Army plan requires, it is the attitude of France which creates most misgiving in Washington.

It is recognized that the French political situation makes it hard for this or any foreseeable French Government to act with complete confidence, and that in high quarters there is some lessening of enthusiasm for the European Army since it began to appear that Mr. Churchill is less interested in European armies and European union than he seemed to be when in opposition.

On the other hand, it is felt that the French are losing sight of these facts — that the first test of the forces making for a European union is whether they can produce a European defence force, and that if the French cannot agree to the measures which will bring the skeleton of a European Army into existence, the whole foreign aid programme may be endangered or be made conditional on the creation of a European Army within a prescribed period.

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There is sympathy for French efforts to make elaborate arrangements ensuring

MUSICAL DIARY

THE highlight of the Fourth I.P.O. subscription concert, at the Oheil Shem on Tuesday, was Conductor Igor Markevitch. Although his interpretations are unusual, he captured the public mainly through his honest and poignantly spiritual approach.

Handel's "Concerto Grossop. 6, No. 5" which has not been played here before, first revealed Markevitch's ability. Although ascetic in movement, he succeeded in unveiling the abundant musical wealth hidden in the work, his leisurely rendition of the "Menuetto" was particularly delightful. Later, in Schubert's D Major Symphony, the conductor's grace and musical sagacity brought its spontaneous gaiety to the fore. This is probably, the most "easy-going" of all the Schubert symphonies; it has no slow movements and the "adagio maestoso" introduction appears as a mere formality.

The evening's main work was the newest Honegger symphony, his sixth. It is mystic in conception, starting with an insistent choral movement, followed by a grim scherzoso allegro reflecting presentations of the other world, written in the harsh and often atonal language of the Swiss-French composer.

Yehuda Wohl's "Rondo Patetico," which demands a

first-rate string ensemble, confirmed the favourable impression of its premiere last year. The concert ended with Dvorak's dynamic "Symphony No. 4 in G Major." Rarely performed the symphony is nationalistic in rhythm and colour.

Great Britten

Benjamin Britten's seventh opera "Billy Budd," the first full-scale opera he has written since "Peter Grimes" was originally scheduled for this year's Edinburgh Festival. It was however premiered at Covent Garden under the composer's direction this month. The libretto (with an all-male cast) by novelist E.M. Forster and Erich Crozier is based on Melville's novel of the British Navy during the Napoleonic Wars. It tells the story of a young sailor who represents the forces of good in their struggle with evil. The "Times" critic discovered "two strokes of genius" while the London "Sunday Graphic" declared that "a masterpiece was born and it will outlive the lot of us." The Sunday "Observer" wrote: "The same salty sea-tang of Peter Grimes is there with... riper humanity... expressed in a way impossible to achieve except through music."

Lazar Levy and Saint-Saens

Lazar Levy's return as the soloist in Saint-Saens' Piano Concerto No. 5 in F (the "Egyptian") in Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by Hanan Schleinger, was a fine performance. The orientalism of this Concerto by the composer of "Samson and Delilah" seemed superficial. The distinguished guest pianist was subtle in touch, bringing out the work's lyricism and elegance.

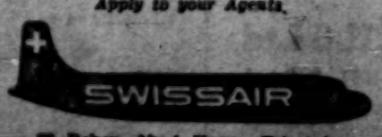
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Career Nurse

SHORTAGE of nurses is a phenomenon not peculiar to Israel. All over the world, hospitals lack nursing personnel, according to Mary Connor, New York-born chief Public Health nurse of the World Health Organization. Miss Connor arrived here recently for a 10-week survey of nursing conditions and education, with special emphasis on Public Health.

British Reticent

It is understood here that Britain merely approved the European Army project and has never promised to participate in it. It is hoped that British political leaders, without advocating British membership in a European Army, will make it clear that in the interests of European defence they think it important to create this army as soon as possible.

The American Congress is bound to investigate the prospects of a European Army and European unity when the foreign aid and military assistance programmes come up early next year. Several of the ablest and most articulate Senators and Congressmen have been in Europe in the last few weeks. Prodded by public opinion, they will demand to know what steps Europe has taken to defend itself.

The European Army project has become the symbol for this country of a European will to fight and to cooperate. Unless the American administration can show that the European Army is on the point of coming into existence, the whole foreign aid programme may be endangered or be made conditional on the creation of a European Army within a prescribed period.

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Sweden's Approach To Housing Problems

By NADIA STEIN

SWEDEN has tackled her housing problem with the same alacrity and thoughtful planning which traditionally she devotes to all social problems. Her town planners have worked on the assumption that even the well-appointed home can cope with the exigencies of modern life only if it forms part and parcel of a neighbourhood, in terms of services — and that the latter must be equipped with the most modern, centralized facilities and technical amenities. Housing projects in Sweden are therefore, turning into self-sufficient, well-organized neighbourhood units — built by teams of architects, sociologists, public authorities, representatives of women's organizations and labour unions. Perhaps at no time and at no place has the so-called "common man" been able to reside in such suitable and pleasant surroundings.

Miss Ely Magnusson, regional consultant of the W.H.O. in Alexandria, suggested this survey to the Ministry of Health, when she visited Israel last summer. Miss Connor, who has already learned a few Hebrew words, is now touring hospitals and nurses training schools. In January she will write her report, in Jerusalem, for the W.H.O. and the Israel Health Ministry.

"I am trying to talk to the nurses themselves," said the slim veteran nurse who began her career in 1920 and was called to the W.H.O. from Columbia University. "I don't think there is a shortage of nurses at all, but rather an expansion of hospital and clinic services during the past decades."

Miss Connor was reluctant to form an opinion on the suitability of the six-month courses for practical nursing which are being run by various medical organizations to overcome staff shortages. She suggested that in our emergency situation everything should be tried. Possibly the standard three-year courses for registered nurses, accepted as sacred throughout the world, were exaggerated, or maybe these should be adjusted with increased emphasis on preventive medicine, sanitation and general health education.

Central Heating

With the outbreak of World War II, the Government was forced to embark on an active, broad-based housing policy. In 1942, the following aims were declared official: reduction of density per room to two persons, raising technical standards for urban and rural housing alike to include such necessities (in the Land of the Long Winter) as universal central heating, bringing the supply closer to demand both current and cumulative. With these ends in view, the Government, functioning within the framework of a 15-year Plan, undertook the granting of extensive loans and building credits at low interest to all builders, subsidies of various kinds (in compensation for the freezing of rents at the 1939 level and assistance to homebuilders of restricted means). The Government took over control of plans, construction costs and decreed technical standards for all housing built with Government aid.

Since 1942, 2,000 million Swedish crowns have been spent on building credits and subsidies—an additional fifth of this sum having been contributed by communities. During this period, half a million residential units were built — one and a half million rooms,

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